

PTO/SB/21 (03-03)

Approved for use through 04/30/2003. OMB 0651-0091

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

**TRANSMITTAL
FORM**

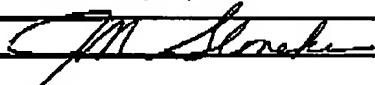
(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)

Application Number	09/627,720		
Filing Date	4/7/2001		
First Named Inventor	LaPeruta, Jr.		
Art Unit	2679		
Examiner Name	Jason R. Phinney		
Total Number of Pages in This Submission	13	Attorney Docket Number	PU000182

ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to a Technology Center (TC) <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to TC (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> After Final <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition <input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Correspondence Address <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer	<input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information <input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter <input type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below):
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund	
<input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request	<input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement		
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application		
<input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53		
Remarks		

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

Firm or Individual	Jennifer M. Slonaker - Barley, Snyder, Senft & Cohen, LLC	
Signature		
Date	6/23/2003	

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILINGI hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231 on this date: 6/23/2003

Typed or printed	JoAnn F. Dillaway
Signature	
	Date 6/23/2003

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.

BarleySnyder

#

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

126 East King Street Tel: 717.299.5201
Lancaster, PA 17602-2893 Fax: 717.291.4660

Fax

Date: June 23, 2003

No. of Pages (including cover): 13

To: Jason R. Phinney	Fax No.: 703.746.9405
----------------------	-----------------------

From: Jennifer M. Slonaker	717.399.1535	jslonaker@barley.com
----------------------------	--------------	----------------------

Attached please find the Response for Advisory Action for U.S. Patent Application No. 09/827,720 per our telephone conversation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Not Approved
for
entry
JMS 6/23/03

IN THE EVENT OF A PROBLEM, PLEASE NOTIFY: JoAnn F. Dillaway at ext. 3246

THIS MESSAGE IS INTENDED FOR THE USE OF THE INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY TO WHICH IT IS ADDRESSED AND MAY CONTAIN INFORMATION THAT IS PRIVILEGED, CONFIDENTIAL AND EXEMPT FROM DISCLOSURE UNDER APPLICABLE LAW. If the reader of this message is not the intended recipient or the employee or agent responsible for delivering the message to the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any dissemination, distribution or copying of this communication is strictly prohibited. If you have received this communication in error, please notify us immediately by telephone (collect), and return the original message to us at the above address via the U.S. Postal Service. Thank you.

Barley, Snyder, Senft & Cohen, LLC

Received from <> at 6/23/03 3:30:14 PM [Eastern Daylight Time]

5B (45)
6/24/03
Amr

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Entered
6/31/03
AMR

In the Matter of the Application of: LaPeruta Jr. et al.

Serial No.: 09/827,720

Filed: April 7, 2001

For: Method and Apparatus for Maintaining Mask Strand Spatial Uniformity

Examiner: Phinney, Jason R Group Art Unit: 2879

FAX RECEIVED

Mail Stop AF
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

JUN 23 2003

T.C. 2800

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to Examiner Jason R. Phinney at the United States Patent and Trademark Office on June 23, 2003.

JoAnn F. Dillaway
JoAnn F. Dillaway

Amendment

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed April 22, 2003, and having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on July 22, 2003, please amend the application as follows:

1180479.1